tion on wet flyash handling system immediately and implementing the dry flyash handling system by March, 1993.

Conversion of Fishing Port to Coal Loading Port

1005. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tadari fishing port is proposed to be converted into a coal loading port;

(b) whether the local people have opposed the move on the ground that it would pollute the area and affect marine life; and

(c) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No such proposal has been referred to the Ministry for environmental clearance.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Agreement between India and U.K.

1006. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether bilateral talks were held with the British Prime Minister during his recent visit to Inida;

(b) whether any agreements were also signed between the two countries during the British Prime Minister's visit; and

(c) if so, the topics discussed and agreements entered into by the Indian Government with the British Government?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) the main issues discussed included all aspects of bilateral relations, developments in europe, in the South Asian and the impact on the international situation after the end of the Cold War and related developments. The exchanges of views also covered bilateral and multilateral economic, commercial, scientific and technical cooperation.

A revised double taxation avoidence agreement between India and the United Kingdom was signed during Prime Minister John Major's visit.

Discussion with British and Russian leaders on Pakistan's role in Militancy

1007. DR. MURLI MONOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have discussed the roal of Pakistan in actively encouraging militancy and terrorism across the border with the British Prime Minister and the Russian President during their recent visits to India; and

(b) if so, what was the reaction of the above Leaders?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Government have apprised the Prime Minister of U.K. and the President of Russia about the facts regarding developments in Jammu & Kashmir and about Pakistan's support to terrorism.

(b) The Prime Minister of UK has called for a cessation of external support for militants in J&K. The President of Russia has conveyed support for India's unity and territorial integrity and its position on Kashmir.

Protest lodged by India with O.I.C.

1008. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lodged any protest with the members of Organisation of Islamic countries against the resolution passed regarding Ayodhya incidents; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATTIA): (a) and (b) The official spokeman of the External Affairs Ministry on the same day issued

the government reaction, which rejected both advice and exhortation from third parties in respect of its responsibilities for the protection of the human and religious rights of the Muslims in India.

Recruitment of man-power by Middle East Companies

1009. SHRI N.E. BALARAM:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the demolition of Babri Masjid at Ayodhya on December 6, 1992, various ministries and private companies in Middle East have instructed the man-power recruiting agencies that hereafter 50 per cent of all selected candidates should be Muslims and the rest preferably non-Hindus; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Visit of British P.M. to India

1010. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the main points discussed with British Prime Minister during his visit to India in January 1993;

(b) whether the issues relating to Pakistan's support to terrorism in India and Foreign interference in India's intornal matters particularly on Ayodhya issue were also discussed with the visiting British Premier; and

(c) if so, what was the response of the visiting Prime Minister to these issues?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH: (a) The main issues discussed included all aspects of bilateral relations, developments in Europe, in the South-Asian region and the impact on the international situation after the end of the Cold War and related developments. The exchanges of views also covered bilateral and multilateral economic, commercial, scientific and technical cooperation.

(b) Our concerns regarding Pakistan's support to terrorism and militancy directed against India were conveyed to the British Prime Minister.

(c) The British Prime Minister stated that both India and Britain shared a fundamental abhorrence of terrorism. With reference to Kashmir, he called for, inter-alia, acessation of external support to the militants there.

Conference Organised by U.S. Institute Peace

1011. SHRI SUNDAR SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Indian participants who attended a conference organised by the US Institute of Peace in Washington in January, 1993, where it was agreed that an Independent Kashmir consisting of Indian Kashmir and Azad Kashmir be established;

(b) whether Government intends to send a delegation to a conference to be held soon in a country outside South Asia to consider the issue of an independent Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Government have seen reports that a conference on Kashmir was organised in Washington by the United States Institute of Peace from 11-14 January, 1993. Six Indians participated in the Conference in their individual capacity, namely, Muchkund Dubey, A.G Noorani, Lt. General (Retd.) A.M. Vohra, Abdul Rashid Kabuli, Bhabani Sen Gupta and B.G Verghese. There was no official Indian participation. We are informed that no agreed conclusions were reached.

(b) No. Sir.